

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 and 2 (canceled).

3. (currently amended) A method of retrieving information, comprising the steps of:

preparing one or more boards each having one or more cards put thereon in advance;

detecting if a speaker mark is put on speaker mark putting areas for retrieval each provided on a board;

if the speaker mark is detected, taking out information including user attribute, keyword for retrieval or the like from information embedded in said speaker mark and displaying said taken-out information;

prompting the user to take actions for specifying a keyword, said actions including sorting out said keyword from said displayed information and inputting said keyword;

collating said keyword specified by the user and with board information cached in a client terminal; and

displaying in a highlighted manner a card put on said board, said card matching said keyword.

~~generating multimedia data having an element symbolizing a speaker;~~

~~— embedding data about said speaker and a speech content as an electronic watermark in said multimedia data; and~~

~~— retrieving information on the basis of said data embedded.~~

Claims 4-7 (canceled).

8. (currently amended) A communication comprising:

a client terminal, and

a server,

wherein said client terminal comprises:

means for preparing one or more boards each having one or more cards put thereon;

means for detecting if a speaker mark is put on speaker mark putting areas for retrieval each provided on a board;

means for responsive to detection of the speaker mark, for taking out information including user attribute, keyword for retrieval or the like from information embedded in said speaker mark and for displaying said taken-out information;

means for prompting the user to take actions for specifying of a keyword, said actions including sorting out said keyword from said displayed information and inputting said keywords;

means for transmitting a retrieval request to a server, said retrieval request including said keyword specified by the user;

means for receiving a retrieval result from said server, and

means for editing and displaying said retrieval result using information
embedded in multimedia data, and
wherein said server comprises:
means for receiving said retrieval request from said client terminal;
means responsive to receiving said retrieval request, for retrieving a board
genre, board introduction and member condition from a board management
database, and
means for transmitting a retrieval result to the client terminal system including
at least one client terminal (111) used by a participant (110) participating in
communication, a board as a site of communication and at least one management
server (101) used by a manager (100) managing multimedia data symbolizing said
participant, wherein:
_____ said management server (101) includes means for embedding data
about said participant (110) in said multimedia data when receiving a request from
said client terminal (111), means for sending said multimedia data to said client
terminal (111) and means for retrieving said board by using data about said
participant (110) embedded in said multimedia data; and
_____ said client terminal (111) includes means for retrieving information on
said board by using information embedded in said multimedia data, and means for
editing and displaying said retrieval result by using information embedded in said
multimedia data.

Claim 9 (canceled).

10. (new) A method of editing, comprising the steps of:
embedding in a speaker mark an edition keyword as a header in advance,
putting one or more cards on a first board, said one or more cards each
having a speaker mark put thereon,
preparing templates of second boards for use in re-edition in advance,
inputting an extraction keyword,
in response to the inputting of the extraction keyword, extracting a card
matching the keyword from the cards put on said first board, and
putting the extracted card on a second board in correspondence to a attribute
of said second board.